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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

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Minutes of Meeting Held in Control Center  
Langley, Central Intelligence Agency  
10 am--noon, 27 August 1963

PRESIDING

*Approved - M-196, 6 Sept*

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Deputy Chairman

Cdr. H. H. Skidmore, ONI  
Lt. Col. J. G. Paynter, AFNIN

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Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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Evaluation of the Adequacy of Satellite  
Photography in Meeting USIB Requirements

1. COMOR met in special session to consider the above subject at the request of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence, it being understood that he wished to discuss this subject at the Board meeting on 28 August and wished COMOR's advice for that occasion. COMOR examined the problem and concluded that the preparation of an adequate response to the Acting Director's request could not be accomplished in time for the Board meeting on 28 August. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should advise the Acting Director of this conclusion and that COMOR intended to prepare its views for Board consideration at its meeting on 3 October. He was also asked to advise that the agencies represented on COMOR will, as a matter of course, in preparation of a reply, consult fully with their analysts and estimators as well as other users and that NPIC would likewise contribute to the paper.

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2. The Committee agreed on the following in the preparation of the paper for the Board:

a. The Chairman to prepare a redraft of the text of the paper, taking into account the suggestions which had been submitted at the meeting;

b. The Working Group to prepare a tabular presentation incorporating the draft tabulation which had been prepared by [redacted] and the one submitted by [redacted] choosing as targets for illustration and comment all of the ICBM targets and selections from the other 8 categories now used in the target lists (it is suggested that the number of targets used in each sample be roughly in the same proportion regardless of the number of targets held in the category) and

c. [redacted] to prepare a descriptive text which would convey to the layman some of the vagaries and difficulties encountered by the PI in dealing with coverage of the same target under different conditions.

The Chairman requested that the members submit, either orally or in writing, by the end of the week if possible any additional ideas which came to them. In particular, he requested Mr. St. Cyr to provide text on the use of the KH-4 coverage in the geodetic and mapping program, this being apart from the question of ARGON which is considered by COMOR to be a separate problem. The Chairman stated his intention to make the next draft as full and complete as possible allowing thereafter for compression or elimination as the Committee might desire.

James Q. Reber  
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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